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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: James K. Falbo et al.

Application No.: 10/040,055

Art Unit.: 2825

Filing Date: 12/31/2001

Examiner: Yelena Rossoshek

For: "Shape-Based Geometry Engine To Perform Smoothing And Other Layout Beautification Operations"

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

- Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
- STATUS:** Applicant is other than a small entity.
- EXTENSION OF TERM:** The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
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Applicant: James K. Falbo et al.

Assignee: Numerical Technologies, Inc.

Title: SHAPE-BASED GEOMETRY ENGINE TO PERFORM SMOOTHING
AND OTHER LAYOUT BEAUTIFICATION OPERATIONS

Serial No.: 10/040,055 File Date: December 31, 2001

Examiner: Yelena Rossoshek Art Unit: 2825

Docket No.: NTI-030(757)

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE SECOND OFFICE ACTIONInitial Comments

Claims 1-54 are pending in the present application. Claims 11, 33, and 37-43 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,523,162 (Agrawal).

Claims 1-10, 12-32, 34-36, and 44-54 are reinstated based on the new grounds of rejection. No claims are amended herein.